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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE RE VESCO.

REF: CARACAS 4086

FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT'S MAY 4
PRESS BRIEFING. ADDRESSE POSTS MAY DRAW ON GUIDANCE IF
ASKED OUR POSITION ON VESCO.

Q. IS IT TRUE THAT VESCO HAS LEFT COSTA RICA FOR GOOD?

A. LAST WEEK MR. VESCO WAS GIVEN PERMISSION BY A COSTA
RICAN COURT TO LEAVE COSTA RICA FOR A MAXIMUM OF 75 DAYS.
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COURT PERMISSION WAS REQUIRED BECAUSE OF A PENDING CRIMINAL
CASE AGAINST MR. VESCO INVOLVING ALLEGED FRAUD. HE HAS HAD
TO POST BOND, AND THIS BOND WOULD BE FORFEITED IF HE DOES
NOT RETURN.

Q. DO WE KNOW WHERE VESCO HAS GONE?

A. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHERE MR. VESCO IS RIGHT NOW. WE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE HAD GONE TO PANAMA.

Q. WHAT DOES THE U.S. PLAN TO DO ABOUT MR. VESCO NOW; ARE WE GOING TO SEEK EXTRADITION?

A. MR. VESCO IS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE IN THE UNITED STATES, WHERE FIVE CRIMINAL INDICTMENTS ARE OUTSTANDING AGAINST HIM. THESE INDICTMENTS CHARGE HIM WITH OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, ATTEMPTED FRAUD, CRIMINAL CONTEMPT OF COURT, WIRE FRAUD, AND FRAUD. OUR INTEREST IN HAVING MR. VESCO STAND TRIAL ON THESE CHARGES IS A CONTINUING ONE.

Q. WILL THE U.S. TRY TO BLOCK MR. VESCO FROM GETTING SAFEHAVEN IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY?

A. OUR INTEREST IN HAVING U.S. JUSTICE SERVED IS NOT DEPENDENT ON THE COUNTRY TO WHICH MR. VESCO TRAVELS. HIS PRESENCE IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO US, OF COURSE, BUT I DO NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON ANY SPECIFIC ACTION WE MIGHT WISH TO TAKE. CHRISTOPHER

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